



SS. PETER AND PAUL SCHOOL

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The SS. Peter and Paul School Family ministers to students in pre-k to grade 8: encouraging actions that model Jesus.

- S Strengthens Catholic teaching through prayer and community service
- S Supports students' academic, spiritual and emotional needs
- P Promotes a safe and positive learning environment to an increasingly diverse population
- P Provides opportunities for family involvement in children's religious, academic and social lives.

Testimony in Support of

S.B. No. 318, 'An Act Concerning Private School Transportation'

Before the Education Committee

March 2, 2016

As parents of a current student as well as a 2011 graduate of SS. Peter and Paul School, we strongly support S.B. No. 318.

Our family chose to enroll our children in Ss. Peter & Paul School (since 2002) based on demonstrated quality education, committed administration, spiritual reinforcement, and diverse experience allowed all students. Further, our family represents several generations of alumni of Ss. Peter & Paul School and parishioners of Ss. Peter & Paul Church.

It is imperative to allow access to Catholic Schools to all children, based on declining population in Connecticut and frequent Catholic School closures resulting in increasing consolidation of inter-district schools.

As lifelong residents of the City of Waterbury, my husband and I are employed within the City of Waterbury. Bus transportation is a necessity to our family. My husband is a Police Officer for the City of Waterbury and often is required to work overtime, resulting in the change of which bus our daughter will take at dismissal. Due to transportation that is available to our family, our child can be bussed to / from one of multiple locations based on often changing work schedules.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to support S.B. No. 318.

Respectfully,

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